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## SENATE BILL No. 361

DIGEST OF SB 361 (Updated January 24, 2012 3:11 pm - DI 101)

**Citations Affected:** IC 8-1; IC 21-28.

**Synopsis:** State provision and use of communications service. Provides that after March 31, 2012, the I-Light network may not be used to offer or provide, directly or indirectly, communications service to the public or to any private or governmental entity. Provides exceptions to this prohibition to allow for the following: (1) The provision of communications service for 911 services or emergency or law enforcement purposes. (2) The provision of communications service to institutions of higher education for the direct benefit of students, faculty, and staff. (3) The provision of communications service for the direct benefit of public broadcasting. Provides that after March 31, 2012, a person that is not: (1) a state educational institution; or (2) a private postsecondary educational institution; may not become a member of the I-Light network or use the I-Light network or any services made available through I-Light.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

**Holdman, Merritt, Schneider,  
Randolph**

January 9, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Utilities & Technology.  
January 19, 2012, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.  
January 24, 2012, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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## SENATE BILL No. 361

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 8-1-32.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 UPON PASSAGE]:

4 **Chapter 32.7. Use and Provision of Communications Service by**  
5 **the State**

6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "communications service" has**  
7 **the meaning set forth in IC 8-1-32.5-3.**

8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "communications service**  
9 **provider" has the meaning set forth in IC 8-1-32.5-4.**

10 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "I-Light" refers to the high speed**  
11 **communications network that connects state educational**  
12 **institutions and private postsecondary educational institutions**  
13 **throughout Indiana. The term includes the networks, and any**  
14 **successor networks, known at any time as I-Light or I-Light 2, or**  
15 **any other version or iteration of those names, or by any other**  
16 **designation.**

17 **Sec. 4. (a) As used in this chapter, "state" means the state of**

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1 Indiana and any officer, agency, department, board, bureau,  
2 commission, division, or institution of the state of Indiana, the  
3 trustees or board of directors of any instrumentality of the state of  
4 Indiana or body politic of the state of Indiana, and the trustees of  
5 any state educational institution.

6 (b) The term includes a state agency or other instrumentality of  
7 state government that holds the contract for the state's indefeasible  
8 right of use to I-Light.

9 Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) and in  
10 IC 21-28-5, after March 31, 2012, I-Light may not be used to offer  
11 or provide, directly or indirectly, communications service to the  
12 public or to any private or governmental entity.

13 (b) This section does not prohibit the use of I-Light for any of  
14 the following:

15 (1) The provision of communications service to the extent used  
16 solely for 911 service, enhanced 911 service, or any other  
17 emergency or law enforcement purpose.

18 (2) The provision of communications service to a state  
19 educational institution or a private postsecondary educational  
20 institution for the direct benefit of students, faculty, and staff.

21 (3) The provision of communications service to member  
22 licensees of Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations, Inc., for the  
23 direct benefit of public broadcasting.

24 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the state remains subject to  
25 any contractual rights, duties, and obligations incurred by the state  
26 and owed to any private person under a contract for the provision  
27 of communications service that was entered into by the state before  
28 April 1, 2012, and that remains in effect after March 31, 2012. All  
29 liens, security interests, royalties, and other contracts, rights, and  
30 interests owed to a private person under the contract continue in  
31 full force and effect and must be paid or performed by the state in  
32 the manner specified in the contract, subject to the right of the  
33 state and all other contracting parties to renegotiate the terms of  
34 the contract at any time before the expiration of the contract.

35 SECTION 2. IC 21-28-5-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
36 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
37 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 14. (a) This section does not apply to a  
38 person that:

39 (1) is not a state educational institution or a private  
40 postsecondary educational institution; and

41 (2) is a member of I-Light or is connected to or uses the  
42 I-Light network or services made available through I-Light;



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1 before April 1, 2012.

2 (b) As used in this section, "I-Light" refers to the high speed  
3 communications network that connects state educational  
4 institutions and private postsecondary educational institutions  
5 throughout Indiana. The term includes the networks, and any  
6 successor networks, known at any time as I-Light or I-Light 2, or  
7 any other version or iteration of those names, or by any other  
8 designation.

9 (c) As used in this section, "person" means any individual,  
10 corporation, limited liability company, partnership, firm,  
11 association, public or private agency, or other organization.

12 (d) Notwithstanding section 10 of this chapter, and except as  
13 provided in subsection (a), after March 31, 2012, a person that is  
14 not:

15 (1) a state educational institution; or

16 (2) a private postsecondary educational institution;  
17 may not become a member of I-Light or use the I-Light network or  
18 any services made available through I-Light.

19 SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Utilities and Technology, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 361, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, between lines 9 and 10, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "I-Light" refers to the high speed communications network that connects state educational institutions and private postsecondary educational institutions throughout Indiana. The term includes the networks, and any successor networks, known at any time as I-Light or I-Light 2, or any other version or iteration of those names, or by any other designation."**

Page 1, line 10, delete "3." and insert "4."

Page 2, line 1, delete "I-Light (as defined in IC 21-28-5-14)." and insert **"I-Light."**

Page 2, line 2, delete "4." and insert **"5."**

Page 2, line 3, delete "the state may not" and insert **"I-Light may not be used to"**.

Page 2, line 6, after "prohibit" insert **"the use of I-Light for"**.

Page 2, line 7, delete "state from providing" and insert **"provision of"**.

Page 2, line 10, delete "state from providing" and insert **"provision of"**.

Page 2, delete lines 14 through 24.

Page 3, line 6, after "networks" insert **", and any successor networks,"**.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 361 as introduced.)

MERRITT, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.



## SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 361 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, between lines 20 and 21, begin a new line block indented and insert:

**"(3) The provision of communications service to member licensees of Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations, Inc., for the direct benefit of public broadcasting."**

(Reference is to SB 361 as printed January 20, 2012.)

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